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My dear Gray

I have been this morning to the British Museum to see the *Dryothalmum angustifolium* Bennett who is now arranging the Compositae had laid it aside as in generis and indeed it cannot be referred to any of DeCandolle's genera. It is evidently allied to *Marshallia* and *Plectrosporus* belonging to the tribe *Galinosa* of Helms but is very remarkable by the palea of the receptacle. The specimens are not good but appear to proceed from a herbaceous plant with the habit of *Marshallia*. The lower part of the stems are wanting there are only branches of four to seven or eight inches long terminated by one to three heads of flowers each at the end of a long peduncle or branch. The leaves are very few, ^{alternately} the lower ones linear narrowed at the base and about an inch long, smooth as well as the stems - the upper ones few & very small. Heads of flowers radiate the involucre (in a very bad state) apparently consisting of a few only, somewhat foliaceous, and probably imbricate leaflets. Florets of the ray (female?) about a dozen in number as long as the diameter of the disk or rather longer. Florets of the disk ^{rather} numerous